

Kansas City Club, Not Nationals, Suffers Financial Loss on Gessler's Quitting

GESSLER'S QUITTING BRINGS NO LOSS TO WASHINGTON CLUB

Kansas City Suffers From Veteran Outfielder's Decision.

OUTLAW LEAGUERS TO BEGIN TRAINING

Nationals' Playing Field Has Undergone Considerable Improvement.

By "SENATOR."

Even though Doc Gessler has retired from the diamond to pursue his study of medicine, the Washington club will lose nothing thereby. The sale price has been paid over by the Kansas City club and the loss falls on Charlie Carr's club owners.

"I was interested in that announcement of Gessler's retirement," said Manager Griffith today, "only because he was a good player in his day. The sale to the Kansas City club has been recorded and the Washington club is not a loser by his decision to quit active playing."

Gessler, as exclusively announced in The Times yesterday, is studying medicine at Johns Hopkins and means to open an office in Pittsburgh, after completing his studies in Germany.

To Start Training.

George Browne, manager of the local United States Leaguers, will have twenty-one players training at Richmond tomorrow for the outlaws season which opens May 1. A practice game is scheduled with the Richmond Virginia Leaguers Saturday, unless something happens to prevent.

President Witman, of the Uncle Sam circuit, announces the following umpires for the coming season: George Goodhart, Reading; Phil Massey, Philadelphia; David Lindsay, Pittsburgh; Joseph Bailey, St. Louis; and John Quinn, Chicago.

Though the outlaws have endured much chaffing, it is more than probable that they will start at least. The caliber of their teams will not be high, but they should play part of their schedule, anyway, before succumbing to what seems the inevitable.

Today the International League opens its season in Providence, Jersey City, Newark and Baltimore. President Barrow is confident of having a successful season, playing to large populations and with teams almost equal in strength.

Patrons and fans of the Nationals will see a much changed diamond when the team takes the field tomorrow as a result of the efforts of Groundkeeper Fitzgerald during the team's stay away. The old brown clay dirt infield has given way to a new black cinder-like looking covering which has been placed on top of the old covering, raising it more than two inches.

Groundkeeper Fitzgerald says the old play dirt was almost impossible to dry out, and that when it had rained the clay stuck to the players' feet, clogging their efforts in running, and at the same time playing havoc with the smoothness of the field paths. Now it will be different, the new black mixture which covers the old clay is calculated to absorb practically all the water and at the same time has the faculty of drying out much faster than the old covering.

To Fix Outfield.

According to Fitzgerald these are not all the improvements to take place. When the team goes away for its next long stay a force of thirty men will get to work on the outfield and raise it to somewhere near the level of the infield. The ground in the outfield at present is rough, despite what efforts could be made in trying to smooth it out. Fitzgerald says that outfielders have found it almost impossible to properly gauge ground balls hit into the outfield, and that it is a wonder that more balls have not gotten by the outfielders in the ante-season games.

A cartload of grass seed has been distributed over the grounds, chiefly over the infield, and before summer is well on its way Groundkeeper Fitzgerald expected to have a grassy diamond, surpassed by none in the circuit.

Games Postponed.

Detroit vs. Cleveland (American League); wet grounds.

Boston vs. Philadelphia (National League); wet grounds.

Chicago vs. Cincinnati (National League); wet grounds.

Baseball Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Games Today.

Philadelphia at Washington.
Cleveland at Detroit.
New York at Boston.
Chicago at St. Louis.

Yesterday's Results.

All Games Postponed—Rain.

Standing of the Clubs.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.	Today.
Boston	4	1	.800	.533
Philadelphia	3	1	.750	.500
Cleveland	4	2	.667	.714
WASHINGTON	3	2	.600	.600
Chicago	3	2	.600	.571
Detroit	3	3	.500	.571
St. Louis	2	4	.333	.429
New York	0	5	.000	.167

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Games Today.

St. Louis at Pittsburgh.
Brooklyn at New York.
Boston at Philadelphia.
Cincinnati at Chicago.

Yesterday's Results.

New York 4; Boston, 1.
All Other Games Postponed—Rain.

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Boston	3	2	.600	.571
New York	3	2	.600	.571
Brooklyn	2	3	.400	.429
Chicago	1	4	.200	.333
Pittsburgh	1	4	.200	.333

Baseball Results

Bucknell, 7; Army, 1.
Washington and Lee, 25; Western Maryland, 0.
Cornell, 8; Niagara, 1.
Providence, 4; Louisville, 3.
Vanderbilt University, 1; University of Georgia, 0.
Wake Forest College, 7; Guilford College, 4.
Eton, 3; Lenoir College, 2.

HAWAIIAN PLAYERS REPORTED TO HAVE ATHLETIC ABILITY

Versatile Performers Listed Among Nine Scheduled to Meet Georgetown.

The Hawaii team, composed of Chinese boys born in Hawaii, ranging from eighteen to twenty-four, now working its way East and scheduled to play Georgetown on Monday, May 13, is likely to open the eyes of Americans to the athletic ability of the Chinese, according to advices received from those who have seen the performances of the team.

The team comes from Honolulu, was organized seven years ago, and has been supported by Chinese merchants of that city. It is managed by E. K. C. Yip, of Honolulu, who hopes to make enough out of the venture to put up a new hall for the organization. Of added interest is the educational advantage to be derived from the trip. The Kelo team, composed of Japanese boys, last year made a decided hit in the West, taking part in many exercises for their benefit and readily illustrating the college spirit of Kelo University, including in native songs and giving speeches which were translated to the student bodies of a number of the smaller colleges in the West.

In addition to the baseball team, the Honolulu party includes a glee club, and several athletes among them being Lai Tin, who holds the Honolulu record for the broad jump; Laimin, the utility man on the ball team, tied the record for the fifty-yard dash at the A. A. U. meet, in Honolulu, last February; Ho Sing Hung is said to be a star soccer player, while Assistant Manager Sam Hop is a boxer of no mean ability.

Discuss Supporting Weak Clubs of New League

PITTSBURGH, April 18.—At a midnight session of the moguls of the United States League the question of taking care of any club which might fall into financial straits during the season was discussed. Yesterday's session ended at 9 o'clock last evening, but President William Abbott Witman, of Reading, called the meeting to order again shortly after midnight, and during a three-hour session the matter of financing any club in difficulties was discussed. It was finally decided that should any club, through financial troubles or otherwise, seek to withdraw, the franchise would revert to the league.

The promoters were again in session from 10:30 o'clock this morning until shortly after noon, finishing up business which had come up during the sessions. At the conclusion of the meeting today President Witman declared the outlook for the league is brighter now than at any time and declared there had been a big demand from old-time ball players for stock in the various clubs.

Potomac Club to Try For Holiday Regatta

Officers of the Potomac Boat Club today enter on their duties for the coming year, and Charles E. Warden is again receiving congratulations for the election to the presidency. William E. McKinney, famous oarsman of years ago, was elected vice president. Other officers are as follows: Richard E. Gasech, secretary; F. Russell Underwood, treasurer; W. Spencer Biles, John Nollan, and Claude E. Zappone, board of directors. John P. Evans was selected as crew captain, with G. Arthur Bell and John S. McKinney first and second lieutenants.

Vean Gregg Is Not Ready for Hard Battle

CHICAGO, April 18.—It is the opinion of the Tigers that Gregg, Cleveland's star pitcher, will not be in condition to pitch winning ball for several weeks. Gregg was advertised to pitch against Detroit Sunday, but Davis sent in Kahler instead.

In the workouts Gregg has shown little. He seems to be out of condition, and in view of the fact that he was hit hard in his last exhibition game, it is hardly possible that Manager Davis will take a chance on working him until he is certain the left-hander is strong.

Baltimore Catcher Gets Unconditional Release

BAITIMORE, April 18.—Catcher Bill Byers was released unconditionally by the Baltimore International League club today. Byers came here from St. Louis in 1901 and was a member of the Orioles ever since. He is considering an offer from the Trenton club of the Tri-State League. First baseman George Malsel and pitcher Roy Schuyler were sold by Baltimore to the Harburg club of the Tri-State League.

Gainor Bats Low Down.

Del Gainor is far down the batting list for Detroit this year. He has made his hits so far, and if he returns to his early stride of last year will be in a better station.

Baumgartner Sticks.

That Baumgartner person that the St. Louis Browns found wandering among the minors held the Chicago White Sox to six hits and struck out seven.

How One of Griff's New Lads Looks Face to Face



PAUL MUSSER.

BINGLES AND BUNTS

By Grantland Rice.

Stalwarts of the Game.

"There was not to reason why—"

"There was but to wait—and die—"

Wait above the whirlpool and the death clutch of the deep!

They tell us the great Tyrus spurned the fray and refused to work because his hotel room was cast in a noisy location and sleep was impossible.

Don't judge him too rashly. If you carried a .420 Batting Eye you might safeguard it with even greater care.

In our own individual case, if we had a pair of Batting Orbs cast in 420 mold, the odds are that we would wear goggles on the street cars and lamp-shades while even perusing the headlines of a certain esteemed, but dizzy, contemporary. Why take a needless chance?

The Pitching.

Don't permit, in sizing up the various club prospects, any glare of batting and fielding strength to lure you off. Turn to the pitching. The final contenders will be among those who have power in the rifle pit where the final test always comes.

Many hard hitting clubs have finished fifth or worse. Many poor hitting clubs have won a pennant. But no weak pitching staff ever figured in a pennant.

Figure the vast difference in facing Washington with Johnson in and then out of the fight. With the Idaho Smoke at work the Senators were as hard to beat as the Mackmen.

No one can figure either Tigers or Cubs as a ragged outfit. But the pitching isn't there and with all their

"There was not to look beyond—"

"Merchant prince and vagabond—"

"There was but to Play the Game—and then—the League of Sleep."

power in other departments, nothing short of a miracle will ever lift Tigers or Cubs into a 1912 flag jubilee. When George Mullin falters in the spring, Tigerline hopes are about as buoyant as a steel girder pushed off the top of a twenty-story skyscraper. Just about.

Griff Starts Correctly.

Three days' inspection of the Washington club doesn't show any pennant prospects, but Senatorial fanatics will find a club greatly improved over former years.

The two main additions have been speed and purpose. There is far greater agility to the Senatorial attack and defense—and there seems to be far greater ambition among the cast.

Last season's infield was slow-hoofed and rickety. The present outfit is peppery and on the job. Kid Foster alone looks to be one of the great finds infield finds of the past five years—another Collins in the field if not quite so deft and destructive with the mace.

As suggested before, Griff has the "nucleus." And it is of such stuff that "dreams are made of"—and in this game the dream's the thing, after all.

Harry Wolverton is being seasoned and tempered in the game's "white heat," however much that may get him later on. Soaking a debutante five or six times with the "kidney punch" is our idea of no way to welcome a stranger into the family fold. Is courtesy a vanished art, that the hand of friendship should be extended with a brick attached?

Minor League Results

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.
All games postponed; rain.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Memphis, 1; Chattanooga, 0.
Birmingham-Mobile, rain.
Nashville-Atlanta, muddy grounds.
First game: Montgomery, 4; New Orleans, 3. Second game: New Orleans, 2; Montgomery, 2.

PICK OF ATHLETES TRAINING IN WEST FOR OLYMPIC TRIALS

Everett C. Brown Thinks Stars Will Figure as Possibilities for Team.

NEW YORK, April 18.—Everett C. Brown, a member of the team selection committee for the Olympic games, with the assistance of Martin Delaney of the Chicago Athletic Association, has made up a list of possibilities from the Central West who expect to figure in the try-outs for the Olympic team.

In the list are found the pick of the athletes now in training in the Central West and those who have performed meritoriously in past events.

Among the track heroes of their respective communities are Ralph Craig, the Michigan star sprinter; F. V. Belote, the C. A. A. sprint champion; J. Wason, the Notre Dame dash man; Ira Davenport, conceded to be the best half-miler in the West; W. Dray of the C. A. A., who has many pole vault records to his credit; F. C. Irons, the Olympic broad jump champion; Sidney Hatch, local marathon runner, and Harry F. Porter, Olympic high jump record holder.

These men are expected to compete in the Olympic trials billed for Sheppard Field, Northwestern University, June 8, at which time the final try-outs for the team will be held in the Middle West. The Eastern trials for the team will be held on the same date at Cambridge (Mass.) Field, Mass. The Pacific Coast trials are scheduled for May 18 at Berkeley Oval (University of California).

DIAMOND DOPE.

Doyle, Fletcher, and Meyers, of the Giants, are hooked up to three-year contracts.

Baseball players are much better off in every way "pulling" corks than pulling corks.

Bobby Vaughn, the former Princeton player, reported to Joe McGinnity's Newark yesterday.

Jim Vaughn had the season's strike-out record of ten until Joe Wood came along with eleven.

Frank McTague, Newark newspaper man, has been appointed an umpire in the Virginia League.

There's a pitcher named Delhi in the American League, but Agra and Calcutta have yet to be heard from.

Shotten, the Browns' outfielder, is said to be a much improved player this season, and he was coming fast last year.

Queer how few triple plays are made considering how many could have been made if there hadn't been one out at the time.

Joe Wood is not only pitching fine ball, but hitting hard. If there's a better pitcher in either big league he must be disguised as a bag of peanuts.

Pitcher Cheney, of the Cubs, who was going so well last year until injured, made an impressive start this season, holding the Cardinals to five hits.

Nothing to worry about is Ty Cobb's slim batting average to date. Nothing short of the introduction of the midge dimple is likely to keep him out of the .300 class.

The conservative baseball patron isn't carried away with early season flashes or dismayed by early season slumps, and won't be forming definite conclusions until June.

Go L. Solomon, vice president of the Newark club, says season passes will be issued to all clergymen who apply for them. When may create a boom among the theological schools.

Word comes from the West of the excellent work of Umpire Brennan. Brennan had himself a crack umpire last year, and his officiating in the world's series was conspicuously good.

Jim Delehanty May Not Play for Several Weeks

CHICAGO, Ill., April 18.—Jim Delehanty, the Tigers' hard-hitting second baseman, may be out of the game for several weeks, the result of being hit on the wrist by a pitched ball in Cleveland Sunday.

Delehanty did not pay much attention to the injury at the time, but when he arrived in Chicago yesterday the injured member pained him considerably. He sought a specialist and was told that one of the small bones had been broken.

A X-ray examination of the wrist will be taken today.

MOTOR CAR TOURING WILL COST MILLION DOLLARS FOR YEAR

Estimated That 500 Cars Will Average Four Passengers Each.

By HARRY WARD.

According to a compilation made by the touring information bureau of the American Automobile Association over \$1,000,000 will be expended this season in transcontinental touring. It is conservatively estimated that 500 cars, with an average of four persons to a car, will go across the country by the "Trail to Sunset" this year. The figures are surprising, especially since transcontinental touring is a comparatively recent development.

Based on careful investigations and past experience, the 500 machines will consume \$55,000 worth of gasoline, \$15,000 worth of oil, \$180,000 worth of tires, the balance of the \$1,000,000 the tourists are expected to spend being for hotel bills, equipment, etc.

Just at this season of the year when country road commissioners are repairing the highways with crushed stone, motorists find many stretches that look alarmingly harmful to their tires. A little care in driving over places where ruts and hollows have been filled with crushed stone will prevent injury to the tires.

The best way to proceed when it is found impossible to avoid a short distance of stony road, is to take it at reduced speed after releasing the clutch. The distance should be estimated so that it will not be necessary to throw in the clutch in the middle of the stony part which would necessitate a fresh start while on the stones.

In case of a long distance of stony road, when it would be impossible to "coast" over the entire distance the best thing to do is to throw in the first speed going over the stony part slowly. It may be explained that as the shocks of the road increase with the increased speed of the car, the cutting of the tires by the sharp stones will be reduced to minimum when proceeding in the manner suggested.

The executive committee of the American Automobile Association will meet today in Buffalo. At this meeting the starting point of the Glidden tour will be discussed, and probably decided. Five cities are striving for the honor of being the starting point—Indianapolis, Detroit, Cincinnati, Chicago, and St. Louis. The terminus of the tour will be New Orleans.



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